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TO ALL AFRICAN DIPLOMATIC POSTS IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 225407

FOR AMBASSADORS ONLY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAID, MASS

SUBJECT: SENATE PASSAGE OF FY 1977 FOREIGN AID BILL

1. THE SENATE, BY VOTE OF 52 TO 25, TODAY PASSED THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE APPROPRIATIONS BILL FOR FISCAL YEAR 1977. THE BILL MAKES PROVISION FOR \$5.4 BILLION IN WORLD-WIDE MILITARY AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE; MOST OF THIS AID, IN THE FORM OF GRANT MILITARY ASSISTANCE (MAP), FOREIGN MILITARY SALES (FMS) CREDITS, AND SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE, IS EARMARKED FOR THE MIDDLE EAST REGION.

2. POSTS SHOULD BEAR IN MIND THAT SENATE BILL MUST BE RECONCILED WITH HOUSE VERSION. CONFERENCE COMMITTEE IS CONFIDENTIAL

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SCHEDULE TO CONVENE ON SEPTEMBER 14. WE WILL APPRISE

POSTS OF PROGRESS AND RESULTS.

3. SENATE BILL REFLECTS COMPROMISE WORKED OUT BETWEEN ADMINISTRATION AND SENATE LEADERS. INITIAL PRESS REPORTS INDICATE, HOWEVER, THAT BILL REPRESENTS DEFEAT FOR ADMINISTRATION SOUTHERN AFRICA POLICY. SUCH REPORTS ARE TENDENTIOUS AND GROSS MISREPRESENTATION.

4. IF APPROACHED BY LOCAL OFFICIALS YOU SHOULD OBSERVE THAT BILL REPRESENTS SENATE SUPPORT FOR SOUTHERN AFRICAN

POLICY AS ENUNCIATED IN THE SECRETARY'S LUSAKA SPEECH. IT SPECIFICALLY EARMARKS \$20 MILLION EACH FOR ZAMBIA AND ZAIRE. IN ADDITION, BILL PROVIDES FOR ADDITIONAL \$14 MILLION, FOR BOTSWANA AND FOR SOUTHERN AFRICAN REGIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM.

5. WE PLAN DURING THE TRANSITIONAL QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30 TO MEET OUR PLEDGE TO PROVIDE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO MOZAMBIQUE TO OFFSET THE COSTS OF BORDER CLOSURE WITH RHODESIA.

6. FYI - SENATE BILL DOES NOT PROHIBIT ASSISTANCE TO MOZAMBIQUE, AS DOES THE CRANE AMENDMENT IN HOUSE VERSION. MOREOVER, WHILE SENATORS ESTABLISHED BY LENGTHY FLOOR EXCHANGE THAT THERE WOULD BE NO FUNDS IN THE FY 1977 BILL FOR MOZAMBIQUE, THIS UNDERSTANDING AUTOMATICALLY DOES NOT EXTEND TO OTHER LEGISLATION. END FYI. KISSINGER

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